## Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kevin Yoder
Chairman
Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch
U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Tim Ryan
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Yoder and Ranking Member Ryan:

As you prepare to consider the FY19 Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, we respectfully urge you to include the following proposed report language:

Language Title: Provision prohibiting Member pay adjustments

**Proposed Language**: Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no adjustment shall be made under section 610(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 31) (relating to cost of living adjustments for Members of Congress) during fiscal year 2019.

Congress doesn't deserve a raise, especially when so many American families are still struggling to recover from the recession. This commonsense provision saves tax dollars and puts hardworking American families first. Please don't hesitate to contact the office of Congresswoman Sinema if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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